Fuller exploitation of agricultural research

2625. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 30 per cent of the agricultural research has so far been commercially exploited; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken for the fuller commercial exploitation of agricultural research echivements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) It is a fact that on an average about 30 per cent of the agricultural technologies have been taken advantage of in field condition.

(b) There are several reasons for relatively slow absorption of agricultural technologies in field conditions. The more important of them are: (i) inadequate scientific management of farm technologies by the farmers; (ii) limited area under irrigation; (iii) scar resources of the farmers; (iv) limited supply of agricultural inputs and credits; (v) concentrated efforts on cereal crops vis-a-vis other crops; (vi) price support for limited crops; (vii) high risk in dryland farming areas; (viii) lack of insurance cover against input capital intensive technology and farming; and (ix) inadequate extension infrastructures.

Efforts are, however, being made to overcome the above limitations by the concerned Ministries/Departments/Institutions accelerating the pace of production.

Five point strategy for increasing oilseed production

2626. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have evolved a five point strategy to increase the oilseed production; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps being taken for its implementation

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) With a view to increase Oilseeds Production substantially, a Centrally Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project is in operation since 1984-85 .Under this Project, the Crop and location specific approach through special projects has been extended to important oilseed crops, namely groundnut, rapeseed-mustard, soyabean and sunflower in potential States Besides special projects, the intensive approach has been extended to all the cultivated oilseed crops. The programme *inter-alia* aims at development of non-traditional oilseeds, increase in area under irrigated crops particularly groundnut during rabi/summer season, adoption of improved package of practices, supply of basic inputs and free distribution of seed and fertilizer minikits on a large scale.

Development of Mayur Vihar Colony Delhi

2627. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that civic amenities have not been developed in Mayur Vihar Colony, New Delhi; and

(b)if so, what remedial steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. All civic amenities such as water supply, sewerage, roads, S.W. drains; shopping centres electricity are already existing in Mayur Vihar.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Development of river Ghagra in Uttar Pradesh

2628. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have made considerable investmnet for the development of river Ghagra in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are aware that the said river is changing its course between the towns of Azamgarh and Gorakpur thereby endangering the large number of population and villages and further leading to erosion of thousands of acres of agricultural land etc.;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether assistance of the army authorities has been sought to stop such change of course of the river; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The river has been shifting its course within the meander belt causing erosion of its banks as well as some agricultural land.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Display of price tags by shopkeepers in Delhi

2629. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price tags are not displayed on the commodities in Delhi and that buyers have to pay high prices for the commodities;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make price tag mandatory; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (d) As per information received from the Delhi Administration, price tags are not being displayed on all commodities by traders in Delhi due to practical difficulties. However, when the price of rice and sugar showed an upward trend the Administration directed all the traders to put price tags for these two commodities with effect from 2-8-1985. Thereafter, 1977 checkings were conducted to ascertain if price tags were being fixed for the two commodities. Three violations were detected and FIR lodged in all cases.

Paddy Procurement in Punjab by FCI

2630. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD and CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of paddy procured by the Food Corporation of India in Punjab so far in the current season;

(b) what was the quantity procured last year; and

(c) what are the reasons for low procurement this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The Food Corporation of India has procured 18.69 lakh tonnes of paddy in Punjab, upto 9-12-85. Upto the same date last year, the FCI had procured 18.76 lakh tonnes. There is no significant difference in the procurement during the two years.

Magazines|Periodicals brought out by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

2631. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different magazines| periodicals brought out by the various Departments|organs of his Ministry;

(b) what is the total cost incurred on these magazines; and

(c) what is the print order and actual circulation of each of these magazines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.